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REMARKS

Claims 32-43 and 53-83 are pending. Claims 34-36, 58, 59, 65-66 and 74 are indicated to recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 32-33, 37-43, 53-57, 60, 62-64, 67-72, and 75-83 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,522,215 to Matsunga et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,865,080 to Radosevich et al. Claims 61 and 73 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Matsunga et al. in view of Radosevich et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,121,061 to Van Bilsen et al.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

Referring to the 103 rejections of the claims, Applicants note that Radosevich has not been demonstrated to qualify as prior art. In particular, the present application claims priority to applications 10/042,707, 09/389,924, and 09/032,184 and claims priority to 2/27/98. However, Radosevich was filed in December 2002 and claims priority to a provisional application filed in January 2002. Radosevich has not been demonstrated to qualify as prior art and Applicants respectfully submit that the 103 rejections of the claims over Radosevich are improper. No other rejections of the claims have been presented, and accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable in view of the erroneous 103 rejection. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims in the next Action.

Applicants submit copies of an IDS and PTO-1449 which were filed in September 2004 and the references apparently have not been initialed on the form PTO-1449.

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Applicants respectfully request return of a copy of the PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials thereon indicating full consideration of the references by the Examiner.

Applicants also submit a new IDS herewith.

Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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